

(c) the number of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets opened in Jamnagar district during 1988 to 1990; and

(d) the target for the opening and allotment of the same December, 1991?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHANKUMAR): (a) to (d). Proposals are received regularly for opening more petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies in different places of the country including Jamnagar district of Gujarat. The oil companies on the basis of market surveys, products availability etc. include such places in the marketing plans.

During 1988 to 1990, 3 retail outlets and 3 LPG agencies were opened in Jamnagar district.

Levy of Cess on Coal

2356. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of royalty on coal, as revised recently;

(b) the states of negotiations with the State Governments conferred on the question of levy of cess by State Governments;

(c) the amount payable on account of coal cess by the coal producing companies until the order of the Supreme Court, State wise; and

(d) the pit-head price of coal of various grades, on April, 1990 and April, 1991?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The rate of royalty on coal as revised with effect from 1.8.1991

except for the States of West Bengal and Assam are as follows:-

<i>Grade of Coal</i>	<i>Rs./tonne</i>
Steel Grade I&II	150
Washery Grade I	150
Washery Grade II&III	120
Washery Grade IV	75
Semi Coking Grade I&II	120
Non Coking Grade A/B	120
Non Coking Grade 'C'	75
Non Coking Grade D/E	45
Non Coking Grade F/G	25

(b) The question of negotiations with the State Government on the subject of retention of cess levied by them does not arise for the reasons that the Supreme Court themselves have allowed the States concerned to retain the cess on coal collected by them upto the dates indicated below:-

Government of Bihar	4.4.1991
Government of Orissa	22.12.89
Government of Madhya Pradesh	28.3.1986

The State Governments whose legislations imposing cess on coal have been struck down cannot levy/collect the cess from the dates decided by the courts in this regard.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The pithead price of coal remained

the same on 1st April, 1990 and 1st April, 1991. the details are as follows:-

<i>Non-Coking Coal</i>		<i>Coking Coal</i>	
<i>Grade</i>	<i>Run of Mine Coal Price (Rs./tonne)</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Run of Mine Coal price (Rs./tonne)</i>
A	399.00	Steel Grade I	651.00
B	364.00	Steel Grade II	543.00
C	318.00	Washery Grade I	470.00
D	252.00	Wahsery Grade II	390.00
E	200.00	Washery Grade III	300.00
F	160.00	Washery Grade IV	280.00
G	114.00	Semi Coking I	470.00
Assam Coal	460.00	Semi Coking Grade II	390.00

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C	396.00
D	349.00
E	295.00
F	222.00
G	173.00

Blue-Print on Production of Steel

2357. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since prepared a blue-print for the increase in the production of steel; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRIK SONTOSH

MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Production planning in steel plants is a continuous process.

[Translation]

Irrigation Potential in Bihar

2358. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of unirrigated land in Bihar at present;